

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0041] with the following amended paragraph:

--[0041] As shown in FIG. 1, the PMBIII strain group has the best decomposition ability than the others. The decomposition percentage of rice straws is about 10.38%. The PMBIII consists of *Bacillus licheniformis* (PMBP-m5) (Patent Deposit Designation: PTA-5824, deposited on February 18, 2004 with the American Type Culture Center, Manassas, VA 20110-2209, USA), *B. subtilis* (PMBP-m6) (Patent Deposit Designation: PTA-5818, deposited on February 13, 2004 with the American Type Culture Center, Manassas, VA 20110-2209, USA), and *B. amyloliquefaciens* (PMBP-m7) (Patent Deposit Designation: PTA-5819, deposited on February 13, 2004 with the American Type Culture Center, Manassas, VA 20110-2209, USA).--